

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #1 - Chemical - Ground Application on Open Field****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of various herbicides applied using ground-based machinery (farming equipment) in order to remove undesirable vegetation and improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. Typical sites include abandoned fields, pastures, rangelands, or agricultural fields. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition. Treatment can be done before or after planting.

**Before Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous plants and woody vegetation. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been treated using appropriate herbicides, reducing competition for target trees and/or shrubs. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment****Scenario Unit:** Acre**Scenario Typical Size:** 40**Scenario Cost:** \$1,910.70**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$47.77**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Chemical, precision application	949	Chemical application performed by light bar/GPS navigation system. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	\$9.04	40	\$361.60
<b>Labor</b>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$35.54	8	\$284.32
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Sulfometuron methyl & Hexazinone	1282	Broad spectrum herbicide for residual weed control for christmas trees and other trees. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$23.98	40	\$959.20
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shi	Acre	\$1.34	40	\$53.60
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$251.98	1	\$251.98

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #2 - Chemical - Ground Band Spray****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of various herbicides applied using ground-based machinery (farming equipment & ATV's) in order to remove undesirable vegetation and improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs by spraying strips and not the whole tract. (Whole field is counted, but approximately one third of the field is treated). Typical sites include abandoned fields, pastures, rangelands, or agricultural fields. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition. Treatment can be done before or after planting.

**Before Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous plants and woody vegetation. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been treated using appropriate herbicides, reducing competition for target trees and/or shrubs in strips (usually 2 ft on each side of planted row). Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment****Scenario Unit:** Acre**Scenario Typical Size:** 40**Scenario Cost:** \$1,703.07**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$42.58**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
All terrain vehicles, ATV	965	Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Hour	\$30.01	8	\$240.08
<b>Labor</b>						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.46	8	\$147.68
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$35.54	8	\$284.32
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Imazapyr	336	Pre and post-emergent, non-selective herbicide for control of undesirable vegetation in non-crop areas. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$42.03	13	\$546.39
Herbicide, Sulfometuron & metsulfuron	344	A residual sulfonylurea herbicide that kills broadleaf weeds and some annual grasses. It is a systemic compound with foliar and soil activity. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$22.90	13	\$297.70
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shi	Acre	\$1.34	13	\$17.42
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	\$169.48	1	\$169.48

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #4 - Chemical - Aerial Application****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of herbicides applied by helicopter in order to remove undesirable vegetation and improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. This typical scenario includes open land such as abandoned fields, pastures or forestlands that were recently harvested. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition. Treatment can be done before or after planting.

**Before Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous plants and woody competition. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been treated using appropriate herbicides, reducing competition for target trees and/or shrubs. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment****Scenario Unit:** Acre**Scenario Typical Size:** 40**Scenario Cost:** \$3,843.12**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$96.08**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Chemical, aerial application, helicopter	1991	Chemical application performed by helicopter on forest only. Includes equipment, mobilization, and labor.	Acre	\$29.77	40	\$1,190.80
<b>Labor</b>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$35.54	8	\$284.32
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping.	Acre	\$1.34	40	\$53.60
Herbicide, Imazapyr	336	Pre and post-emergent, non-selective herbicide for control of undesirable vegetation in non-crop areas. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$42.03	40	\$1,681.20
Herbicide, Glyphosate	334	A broad-spectrum, non-selective systemic herbicide. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$15.83	40	\$633.20

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #6 - Mechanical - Heavy, shearing and windrowing****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of heavy machinery (usually bull dozers & not typical farming equipment) to treat an area in order to improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. Usually vegetation and/or debris is sheared and raked or pushed to form piles or windrows. Typical sites include trees and brush cover that is not appropriate to the site or does not provide the desired condition for the landowner. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition and soil quality degradation - soil erosion - sheet and rill. Treatment must be done before planting.

**Before Situation:**

The site is dominated by undesirable vegetation including herbaceous plants and significant amounts of woody vegetation (trees and brush) occupying the site. There is also a significant component of woody debris on site. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. Adequate planter access is impossible with existing conditions. If left untreated, seedlings can not be planted properly at the proper density. Existing competition will cause poor survival or reduced growth of trees/shrubs to be established on the site.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been removed using mechanical methods reducing competition for target trees and/or shrubs. Woody debris has been removed to facilitate tree/shrub planting operations. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment****Scenario Unit:** Acre**Scenario Typical Size:** 40**Scenario Cost:** \$16,737.40**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$418.44**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Heavy mechanical site prep, shearing, V-blade, K-G blading	1314	Mechanical operations that shear trees and vegetation. Requires heavy equipment such as dozers, Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	\$201.90	40	\$8,076.00
Heavy mechanical site prep, raking	1317	Mechanical operations that pushing and raking trees and vegetation. Requires heavy equipment such as dozers. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	\$174.71	40	\$6,988.40
<b>Labor</b>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$35.54	20	\$710.80
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, large equipment	1140	Equipment >150HP or typical weights greater than 30,000 pounds or loads requiring over width or over length permits.	Each	\$481.10	2	\$962.20

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #7 - Mechanical-Ripping/chopping****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of heavy machinery (usually bull dozers & not typical farming equipment) to rip/cut/lift underground root systems to improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. Typical sites include trees and brush cover that is not appropriate to the site or does not provide the desired condition for the landowner. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition and soil quality degradation - soil erosion - sheet and rill. Treatment must be done before planting.

**Before Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous plants and sparse woody competition. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs. Soils are compacted as a result of harvesting heavy equipment activities or other land uses.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been knocked down with heavy tillage equipment used to breakup and lift root systems, breakup compaction (<18" deep), thus enhancing the conditions for planting and survival of trees and/or shrubs. Soil compaction has been alleviated, allowing penetration of moisture and allowing roots to grow properly. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area of Treatment

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 40

**Scenario Cost:** \$6,627.82

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$165.70

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Heavy mechanical site prep, drum chopping	1316	Mechanical operations that pushing trees and vegetation and crushing them with a water filled roller chopper. Requires heavy equipment such as dozers. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	\$146.56	40	\$5,862.40
<b>Labor</b>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$35.54	8	\$284.32
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, large equipment	1140	Equipment >150HP or typical weights greater than 30,000 pounds or loads requiring over width or over length permits.	Each	\$481.10	1	\$481.10

**Practice: 490 - Tree & Shrub Site Preparation****Scenario: #9 - Mechanical - Light, Mow/Disk****Scenario Description:**

This practice involves the use of light/moderate machinery (typically tractors used in normal farming operations) to clear above ground vegetation (disk or bush hog) in order to improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. Typical sites include abandoned fields, pastures, rangelands, or agricultural fields. This following resource concerns: soil quality degradation - compaction, soil erosion - sheet and rill, and degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health and inadequate structure and composition.

Treatment can be done before or after planting.

**Before Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous plants and sparse woody competition. Noxious and invasive species may also be present on the site. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs.

**After Situation:**

Undesirable vegetation has been removed using a bush hog and/or disk to cut and/or knock down existing vegetation, thus enhancing the conditions for planting and survival of trees and/or shrubs. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area of Treatment

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 40

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,617.18

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$40.43

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Mower, Bush Hog	940	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$49.64	20	\$992.80
<b>Labor</b>						
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$18.62	20	\$372.40
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$251.98	1	\$251.98